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WILSON WILL ARM SHIPS **CALLS EXTRA SESSION**

BRAVE BALL PLAYERS NEAR LIFEBOATS





UNITED STATES NAVY READY, SAYS DANIELS, AS PRESIDENT **CASTS DIE IN U-BOAT CRISIS**

Congress Will Meet April 16 as "Extraordinary Situation" Faces Country, But Meanwhile Executive Will Defend American Life and Property

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION CALLING EXTRA CONGRESS

"By the President of the United States of America: "A proclamation :

"Whereas, the public interest requires that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon on the six-teenth day of April, 1917, to receive such communications as may be made xecut

QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES

G't'n Friends Faculty (final) 28	Germantown Erlends 29
Catholic High (first bulf) 12	Bf Joseph's College
Catholic High, 2d (first half) 8	Sr Joseph's College, 2d 8
Lower Merion Siz. (final) 27	Lover Merion Sops 5
Lower Merion Jrs. (final) 18	Lewer Merion Fresh 9
Lansdowne High, girly (final) 23	Tenule University, girls 17
Lansdowne High (final) 42	Chester High 25
Stephens School, girls (final) 59	Jenkintown High, girls 6

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS.

Fourth Hot Springerace. Separa-dde and up, 6 furlongs-Dimitri. 113, T. McTaggart, 3 to Leven, 1 to 2; wour Grundy, 104, Lyke, 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, second; Greenwood, 110, Murphy, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, third, Time, 1.13.

BRICK MANUFACTURERS COMMEND THE PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, March 0.-A resolution commending the Government for its investigation of coal prices was adopted at the closing providen of the National Brick Manufacturers' Ashociation convention here today. Fritz Salen, of New Orleans, was elected president; Theodore Randall, of Indianapolls, was re-elected secretary,

175 PERISH IN SINKING OF BRITISH TRANSPORT

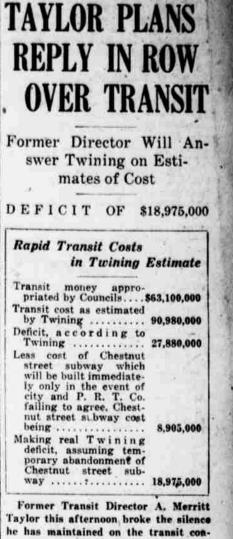
LONDON, March 9 .- Ten Europeans and 105 African native labarers perished when the British transport Mendi sunk after a coilision February 21, the War Office announced today. (The Mendi was a steel steamship of 4230 tons, was 370 feet long and was registered at Liverpool.)

AHEAD OF MARATHON BICYCLE RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 .- At 12:30 this afternoon the sixday bicycle riders at the Auditorium track had covered 2169 miles and nine laps and were twenty miles and one lap ahead of the record. McNamara and Hill were setting the pace.

COMMERCE BOARD SUSPENDS RATE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, March 9 .- The Interstate Commerce Commission today suspended until July S the proposed increases of rates on grain and flour from St. Louis and Cairo, Ill., to Arkansas points on the Rock Island Railroad. The increases ranged from one and one-half cents to seven cents per hundredweight.



Taylor this afternoon broke the silence he has maintained on the transit controversy since his return from Florida and announced that he was preparing for immediate publication a statement in answer to the revised schedule of construction costs made public today by Transit Director Twining and forwarded to the Public Service Commission.

Transit Director Twining submitted to the Public Service Commission today detailed figures and estimates prepared by the engineers in his department, checked and approved by the firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis, New York experts, showing that a total of \$90,380,000 will be needed to complete the city's entire high-speed system in view of the prevailing high prices for labor and materials.

The total amounts authorized cils toward the construction of the various lines is \$63,100,000. The deficit, therefore, should the lines be completed at present prices, would be \$27,880,000. The grand total, however, includes \$8,905.000 for the proposed Chestnut street subway, which it is not planned to build in the immediate future unless an agreement should fail to be reached bewteen the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company,

Councils has already authorized an appropriation of \$5,000.000 toward the construction of the Chestnut street line. Assuming that this project is abandoned temporarily and the \$5,000,000 be made available for use on the other lines, the actual deficit would be reduced to \$18,975,000.

The estimates contained in the Director's report to the commission include also interest and sinking fund charges on bonds floated for construction work, siz per cent of the total, to cover engineering and superintendence, and seven per cent for incidentals and contingencies.

There may not be any submarines in the offing, but the Phillies, en route to their St. Petersburg camp, are not taking any chances. Those in the picture are Fish, "Bill" Killefer, "Dode" Paskert, Business Manager "Bill" Shettsline, Pat Moran, manager; Alexander the Great, Burns, Mayer, Lutz and Haggerty. In the lower picture, on the left is Lutz, who was a semipro pitcher on back lots of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The weather is nippy, hence the overcoat. Haggerty is the other figure. He is paying his own expenses and hails from Brooklyn. He insists he is good.

URKE'S BARROOM GERMAN NAVAL NOT YET TO OPEN **OFFICER ARRESTEI** Captain Fritzen Accused of

ourt Holds License Under Advisement After Renewal of Bitter Fight

Implication in . Plot

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 9.

A French woman, as zealous for the

afternoon. The woman, according to

tell her connection with the case.

Alleged to be connected with plots to de-

stroy the Weiland Canal and to be impli-

cated in other unneutral acts in America

Captain Alfred Fritzen, a German officer,

was arrested today by agents of the De-

partment of Justice in Alhambra, near here.

According to Special Agent Blanford, o

the Department of Justice, the specific

Welland Canal, plot.

LOS ANGELES, March 9.

ALLED UNNECESSARY RESULT OF LONG SEARCH

The question of whether or not Michael Burke shall open a saloon at 6000 Lanswhe shall open a saloon at 6000 Lansrance hearing in which much of erness of the fight against the barwas re-echoed.

united effort was made by resias of Haddington and Overbrook to the saloon, for which a license trans-Fas granted to Burke by the License last October after one of the most anti-saloon fights in the history of by Burke, ousted from his saloon 100 Callowhill street to make way for Parkway, has not opened his new sabecause of an injunction.

Trus D. Foss, Jr., and Albert S. Faught the former contention that there was Judge Martin said that when a was granted it was presumed that was a necessity for it until some other than those made in the first charge against Fritzen is implication in the of the case was presented.

ev. Edgar Adamson, pastor of the The arrest follows a search of six months Simpson Memorial Methodist Sixty-first and Jefferson streets, steating against the baloon, ad-at feeling against the last court very high in the neighborhood. The that I said that the last court arroom atmosphere." he said, in a question by Michael Boylan, a Burke Fritzen and German Consul Bopp, recently convicted in San Francisco, and Cantains Boy-Ed and Von Papen is also said to

true that ministers and resi-condemned the court since the ked, Boylan. Hed the clergyman. "The de-miled the feeling. Our indig-

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of

America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion re-quires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the sixteenth day of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America the ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first. WOODROW WILSON."

By the President, Robert Lansing, Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, March 9.

President Wilson today announced his decision to arm American ships immediately for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of Americans on the high seas.

In a formal statement issued at the White House the President simultaneously issued a proclamation calling for an extra session of Congress to begin April 16 to render "support he will need in all matters collateral to the defense of our merchant marine."

The President does not state whether or not the Government will furnish gunners as well as guns to merchant ships. This probably will be disclosed as soon as the orders to Secretary of the Navy Daniels providing for arming the ships are made public.

Henceforth, however, the Government's steps will be more and more secretive. The President desires the co-operation of the press Allies' cause as Alfred Fritzen is aland the public in taking every precautionary measure, which may leged to be for the Teutons, caused serve to preserve many lives. Fritzen's arrest as a plot suspect, a Department of Justic agent declared this

WILL CONCEAL NAMES OF VESSELS

The names of the vessels which will be armed first will not be made public.

this source, is Madalene Bengoyne, a In reaching his decision today the President had the legal support of both native of France. Except to say that Secretary Lansing and Attorney General Gregory. And in calling the extra she played a prominent part in causing session he fullfilled the intimation that he would so act as soon as the United the arrest which terminates a year's States Senate modified its unlimited-debate rule so as to be able to act quickly search for Fritzen, the officer would not on measures of vital interest and importance to the country.

In connection with the announcement, Secretary Tumulty stated that the President was convinced he had the power to arm American merchant ships and is free to exercise it at once, without congressional action. .

"But so much necessary legislation is pressing for consideration," Tumulty added, "that the President is convinced that it is in the best interests of the country to have an early session of the Sixty-fifth Congress, whose support he will also need in all matters collateral to the defense of our merchant matine."

U. S. NAVY IS READY

Navy Department announced that "we are prepared as to gunners as well as guns."

Secretary Daniels made the specific reconducted by the Department of Justice. quest upon the press of the country that. Revelations of activities in southern Califor obvious reasons of national safety. for nia and northern Mexico are said to have caused the issuance of orders by A. Bielaski, chief of the Bureau of Investiga-tions, for the arrest. A connection between Fritzen and German Consul Bopp, recently convicted in Sán Francisco, and Capitains Boy-Ed and Von Papen is also said to have been established. PLEADS INNOCENCE At the city jail, where he was lodged errat officers had made a grave mistake. He strings thus he had been in the United States fornia and northern Mexico are said to

CAR SHORTAGE CLOSES MINNEAPOLIS FLOUR MILLS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 9 .- Two of the five mills of the Philsbury Flour Mills Company were closed today because of car shortage. Washburn & Crosby's mill may close at any time. Other mills are without cars. The last of the flour being rushed to New England State to relieve a shortage there was loaded hoday. There being no more available cars, the relief work must stop. J. S. Pillsbury today charged that eastern railroads did not send the number of cars promised.

GERMANS CLOSE DUTCH-BELGIAN FRONTIER

LONDON, March 9 .- A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam this afternoon reported that the German military authorities have closed the Dutch-Belgian frontier as if in preparation for an important military movement

MILLION DOLLARS BAIL ASKED FOR GOMEZ

HAVANA, March 9 .- Bail for General Gomez, captured rebel leader, was set a round million dollars. No one has yet come forward with this staggering amount of money to permit release of the rebel chieftain, and the prospect is that he will remain in Frincipe Penitentiary pending trial.

GREAT FIRE DESTROYS GRAIN IN DETROIT ELEVATOR

DETROIT, March 9.- Loss estimated at \$1,000,000 was caused by a fire started in the engineroom of the Detroit Railroad elevator this afternoon. More than half a million bushels of grain, principally wheat, were destroyed. Twenty-five firemen had narrow escapes as the walfs of the upper stories of the building collapsed.

BAYONNE SILK MILL GIRLS ON STRIKE

BAYONNE, N. J., March 5 .- Nine hundred girls employed in the Schwartzenbach-Huber Silk Mills here struck today for a ten per cent increase in wages. Demonstrations were staged about the mills this morning and two of the strikers were arrested.

CITY CAN BUY EGGS AT 23 CENTS A DOZEN

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The city can buy its eggs at twenty-three tents a dozen, or about haif the regular retail price, according to the bids which were opened by the Department of Supplies this morning. Three egg companies made the city bids, and the lowest+was at twenty-three cents, or seven cents lower than the city paid one year ago. The contracts call for delivery covering a period of three months and beginning April 1. Butter, however, will cost the city thirty-eight cents, or two cents more per pound than it cost one year ago. Other bids were made for a great variety of things which the city will use. Altogether, \$150,000 is represented in the bids.

BRITISH SHIPS FOR DANGER ZONE BAR WOMEN

NEW YORK, March 9 .- An order forbidding women to travel on British ships crossing the war zone was posted in the British Consulate here today.

VARE AND OTHER STREET CONTRACTORS FINED

Edwin H. Vare and other contractors were fined heavily within the last month for failure to fulfill in every detail the specifications of contracts entered into with the city. The penalties for the month of February, however, were not as great totally as those imposed in the previous mouth. The fines for February aggregated \$6076.

U. S. DIPLOMATS REACH HAVANA FROM GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 9 .- Seven Americans connected with the American diplomatic service in Germany have reached Havana, according to official advices reaching the State Department today. They are H. G. Seltzer, Consul at Breslau, of Hamburg, Pa.; Miss Ella White, attache to the Berlin Embassy, and mother, of Boston; Miss Meta Winter, Berlin, of Detroit; Miss Ruth Lehmann, Berlin, at Cleveland; Miss Vivian Stormer, Berlin, and mother, of Boston.

Deducting these three items, the Director has prepared a diagram, shown on this

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FRENCH'S SISTER WAR VICTIM

Mrs. Harley Dies of Wound Received From Enemy Shell at Monastir

SALONICA, March 9 .- Mrs. Harley, a sister of Lord French, commander-in-chief of the British home defense corps, died at Monastir from a wound received when a shell struck an subulance to which she was attached.

Hot Springs Results

FIRST HACE, four-year-olds and up, selling
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Time, 1.15 SECOND RACE, four-year-olds and upward, siling 6 furiongs. 12 to 1 5 to 1 5 to 2 Oddsmodule, 108, Carroll 9 to 2 8 to 5 4 to 5 Oddsmodule, 108, Carroll 9 to 2 8 to 5 to 3 10 to 1 5 to 1 5 to 2 Time, 115 1-5. Petlar, Rio Brasss, Charlie triereran, Simper Stalwart, Milon Campbell, ontefract, Res, Wolf's Bath and Captain Ben 150 rpm.

also ran. THIRD RAYE, three-year-olds and up. sell-the Turbours. 1. Anno 101 Murolu. 3 to 1 1 to 1 1 to 2 2. Sansymins, 116. Frightardt 7 to 2 6 to 3 to 5 3. Sir Richard 107. Carroll. 4 to 1 8 to 5 4 to 5 Thine 1983.5. Craulits. Hondo, Anthony's Lass. Jumic. Laura James, Bermudian. Plau-dito and Forman also ran.

Havana Results

FIRST RACE, 5 furlongs, three-year-olds, Sable, 195. Wingfield . S to 5 7 to 10 1 to 1 Old Man Crit, D9, Boys

Jan Crit. 59 Boy.
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SECOND RACE, 51's furiongs, three-year-olds.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair night, Saturday and Sunday: lowest perature tonight about thirty-tuordes; pentle variable winds.

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After the White House announcement the 11:30 CURFEW TOLLS FOR WASHINGTON THEATRE

Court Orders Closing of Society Ren. dezvous Before Midnight

WASHINGTON, March 9 .- Curfey will ring henceforth at 11:30 p. m. for the Playhouse, society's little rendezvous across from the British embassy.

The District Supreme Court today signed an order to this effect after Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schroeder, who live next door, had asked for an injunction against the Playhouse. British Ambassador Spring-Rice offered written Lastimony in support of the Schroe-der's request, but it was thrown out of court when the diplomal declined to appear